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Interpretation of Section 6, Public Law 70, approved 1 July 1951

1. Reference is made to your memorandum, dated 26 July 1951, concerning interpretation of Section 6, P. L. 70, approved 1 July 1951. That Resolution was amended by P. L. 97, approved 31 July 1951, continuing for a period ending 31 August 1951.

2. Section 6 specifically provides that no passenger-carrying motor vehicles shall be purchased under the terms of this Resolution unless specifically authorized by an appropriation act (under-scoring added) for a department or agency for the fiscal year 1952.

3. It would appear that this wording contemplates a blanket restriction in the absence of an approved appropriation act since a proposed appropriation would not normally be described as an appropriation act. Therefore, until the appropriation act concerned has been passed by the Congress and approved by the President, this office is of the opinion that the restriction of Section 6 would be applicable to the case proposed in your memorandum.

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